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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADB REGIONAL SEMINAR ON THE APPLICATION OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY IN FORESTRY AND FOREST INDUSTRIES

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1. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH USADB RECOMMENDATION FOR FAVORABLE NAC ACTION ON SUBJECT PROPOSAL. GUB GIVES HIGH PRIORITY TO FORESTRY AND FOREST INDUSTRIES IN ITS DEVELOPMENT PLAN. BOTH IDA AND ADB HAVE FINANCED FORESTRY PROJECTS IN BURMA AND IDA IS CONSIDERING A SECOND LOAN OF ABOUT \$20 MILLION FOR A FORESTRY PROJECT IN THE COUNTRY.

2. BURMA'S PAST ISOLATION AND CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN TRAVEL HAVE MADE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE IN MANY FIELDS INCLUDING FORESTRY. THIS PROPOSED SEMINAR SIMPLY BY PROVIDING BURMESE FORESTRY OFFICIALS WITH AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPOSURE TO OUTSIDE IDEAS AND METHODS COULD PROVE OF INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF BURMA'S TIMBER AND WOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES. AND, GIVEN BURMA'S POTENTIAL IN THIS FIELD, THESE INDUSTRIES OFFER ONE OF THE BEST IMMEDIATE HOPES FOR BURMA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

3. THE EMBASSY HOPES THE GUB WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS

OPPORTUNITY, AND SEND AT LEAST ONE QUALIFIED OFFICIAL TO THE SEMINAR. SHOULD THE GUB SEEM RELUCTANT TO DO SO, ADB MIGHT CONSIDER ASKING OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES, E.G., PHILIPPINES, MALAYSIA OR INDONESIA, TO URGE THE GUB TO PARTICIPATE.  
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